

Question of the Month:

Q. We would like to submit our construction set to OSHPD but we are still waiting for the Accessibility Plan Review (APR) comments. Should we delay the OSHPD submittal in order to get the APR comments?

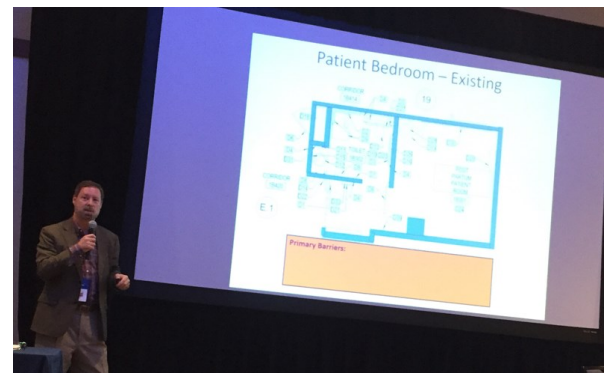
R. No. Although we recommend waiting for the APR comments in order to incorporate them into the OSHPD submittal set, we do not want to significantly impact project schedules. Therefore, it is acceptable to submit to OSHPD before receiving the APR comments. If your schedule is constrained, then please let us know ahead of time and we will coordinate with the access specialist.

2017 NATIONAL ADA SYMPOSIUM



years. This Symposium provides the latest information on ADA regulations and guidelines, implementation strategies and best practices through sessions to meet the diverse needs of attendees who range from beginners to experts. (Source: [National ADA Symposium](#)). Sutter Health is emerging as a leader in healthcare accessibility compliance in the eyes of accessibility authorities like U.S. Access Board and experts like Evan Terry Associates. At the Symposium, Carol Bradley, Yomi Wrong and Bill Zellmer lead / participated in four presentations of the healthcare track while the others learned from and networked with the thousand attendees. Check the TrueShare website ([link](#)) for all the presentations ranging from physical access to individual advocacy. Username “Chicago” and password “Cubs2017”. We look forward to next year’s Symposium in Pittsburgh!

In May, a few representatives from Sutter Health attended the 2017 National ADA Symposium held in Chicago. The National ADA Symposium is the premier conference on the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) that has been held annually for the past 20

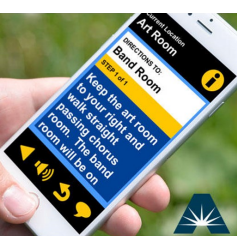
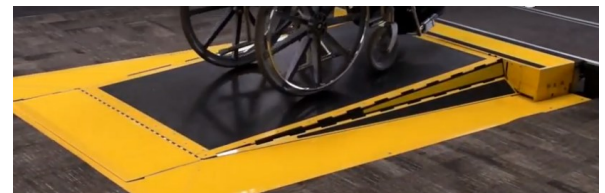


Bill Zellmer presenting “Barrier Removal in Healthcare”

BRIGHT IDEAS

At the Symposium Vendor Fair, we saw a couple of products that seemed like bright ideas—check them out:

Accessor Convertible Walkway “is designed to provide access where building conditions will not permit the use of a permanent ramp or lift.” (Source: [Lift-U](#)) It can be used for exterior and interior applications. Possible healthcare applications may be for PFT labs and audiology booths that are typically raised above the floor.



Aware Wayfinding App uses beacons “to help the visually impaired more fully experience their surroundings and navigate public spaces in real time via voice instruction.” (Source: [Sensible Innovations](#)) People with visual disabilities can use their smart phone to guide them through buildings, even streets, audibly. The beacons are low-powered transmission devices that use Bluetooth low energy technology. They are strategically located throughout the building to triangulate signal to smart phones.